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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of PharmaceuticalsEducation and Research(NIPER) has been engaged in new drug discovery programmes in some of the thrust areas like Tuberculosis, Malaria, Diabetes etc:

(b) if so, whether the NIPER has achieved its objectives:

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:

(d) whether there was a proposal to engage the NIPER towards development of herbal medicines: and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJI)

(a)(b)&(c) NIPER has initiated new drug discovery programme in the thrust areas likeTuberculosis, Malaria and Diabetes for the past one year. In the area of Tuberculosia and Malaria,some new molecules have been identified which show good activity in vitro models. These active molecules need to be tested further in vivo models to confirm their activity.

(d) & (e) NIPER is actively involved with ISM and ICMR in standardization of herbal products. So far, about 30 monographs have been prepared for ISM. Screening programme for finding new leads from herbal products in the area of Diabetes is on.